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1942 TOTALS

An increase of members amounting to almost 800 for the Conference is revealed by the totals of church reports now ready to go to the Year Book. However, this gain is somewhat offset by the fact that the number of absentees reported is nearly 800 more than a year ago. This indicates the rapid shifting of population which is one of the great problems we are called upon to face. The Conference membership now stands at 21,905.

During the past year our churches admitted, on confession of faith, 746; and by letter, re-affirmation, or correction of rolls, 828. We lost 228 by death and 311 by letter.

Once again enrollment of church schools has declined, and now stands at 10,710. The same is true of young people's organizations, which is probably a reflection of the number of young people who have gone into the Services or taken defense jobs.

Financially the churches have done just about as well as previously. The amount for home expenses is a little over that of 1941, but the amount of benevolences has increased. When all of the figures of contributions on budgeted benevolences were gathered, together with the Christmas Fund and the very notable gain made by our German churches, we find that total gifts on apportionment amount to $42,804, which is a gain of $1,414 over the previous year. The total credited to the churches under "other gifts" which includes the reports made by the churches of amounts which they have given plus the remittances to the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services, reached the unprecedented figure of $17,037.

A number of churches revised the estimated value of church property, so that the total stands now at approximately $2,948,000. During the year a number of churches cleared off, or made substantial reductions in their indebtedness.

LAYMEN ACTIVE

The Laymen's Commission, under the leadership of Mr. Peirce Coombes, chairman, met at the Hotel Whitecotton on February 27. The members of the Commission were deeply interested in the visit of George W. Shepherd, whose meetings they sponsored. The chief item of business was the hearing of Col. Earl D. Weed, who outlined some of the services which churches might render to the chaplains, and through them to the soldiers stationed in isolated localities in the Western Defense Command area and in Alaska. It is hoped that some churches will take a friendly interest in some of these groups and that larger and stronger churches will adopt chaplains in order that materials may be furnished which would not otherwise be available.

CHRISTIAN CENTER FOR SOLDIERS

The Protestant churches of Sacramento are cooperating in a venture, known as the Christian Center for Service Men. The governing board, made up of a representative from each church, has taken over the old diocesan house of the Episcopal Church, and is completely renovating it. There will be social and game rooms and a dormitory. Pastors will take turns in counseling, and services of worship will be conducted in the Trinity chapel. Support for the project is coming from the churches of the city and from the war emergency funds of the various denominations.

SPEAKERS FOR SPRING ASSOCIATIONIS

The schedule of spring Association meetings appears in another column, under the caption "Calendar of Events." Northern California will be very fortunate this year in having effective and nationally known speakers for these gatherings. Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, minister and secretary of the Missions Council, former pastor at Claremont, California, will be with us for all the gatherings. Mrs. Elizabeth Whiting, secretary of the Council for Social Action, will be here just one week and will appear at the Bay, the Santa Clara, and the Redwood Empire Associations. Rev. Don F. Gaylord of the Grace United Church of the Mission will be a member of the team for the San Joaquin Association, and Rev. Robert W. Inglis of the Plymouth Church, Oakland, will speak at the Central, Sacramento Valley, and Upper Bay Associations. Mrs. Scott Haymond, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill expect to be present at all of the gatherings for such service as is requested.

REV. GEORGE W. SHEPHERD

By the time this issue of The Pacific reaches its readers, Rev. George W. Shepherd's visit in Northern California will have been completed. This included addresses at Lodi, Stockton, Pacific School of Religion, the annual meeting of the Bay Association, Martinez, Tulare, First Congregational Church, Oakland, First Congregational Church, San Francisco, Sacramento, Redwood City, San Mateo, and Petaluma. Sandwiched in have been a number of addresses at luncheon clubs and other groups. Wherever he goes there has been widespread interest, not to say enthusiasm. He sets forth vividly the statesmanlike quality of the modern missionary endeavor.

DR. MARY F. CUSHMAN

Dr. Mary F. Cushman, who made such a profound impression for two weeks in January, is returning to Northern California for a three weeks' period beginning March 15. At present writing her schedule has not been completed, but practically without exception she will be visiting churches that did not hear her in January. Because of her coming into our territory from Southern California and leaving by way of Oregon, it will be possible for her to visit churches that seldom have been reached by missionary speakers.

WELCOME

We are welcoming as new readers of The Pacific all of the pastors of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Northern California. The discussions of union of the two denominations by the appropriate national commissions are proceeding with rapidity and without serious obstacles. It is hoped that members of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches will be guests at our various Association and Conference meetings.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETS

The Conference Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life, Rev. H. J. Loken, Chairman, has sent out a call to the churches urging the use of the helps of the national Commission, particularly those that give such fine assistance in daily devotions. It is hoped that a pastors' retreat may be arranged for two days following Easter.

New Director at Plymouth House

Plymouth House at the University of California has a new director. Following the resignation of Rev. Edward Reighard, the joint committee, representing the Church and the Conference, after careful consideration, decided that the plan of cooperation between the two groups be continued. A number of persons were considered and the choice finally fell on Mr. David Stowe, a senior in Pacific School of Religion.

Mr. Stowe is a native of Iowa. Prior to coming to California he was a student for two years at Midland College, Nebraska. His final two years were at the University of California at Los Angeles. He was elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa and graduated with highest honors. Since coming to Berkeley he has been student assistant at Piedmont Community Church, where he has directed the high school young people's society, taught pastor's training class, and given leadership to the Church School. He has preached at the Piedmont Church and Oneonta Church in South Pasadena.

Mr. Stowe's work began on February 22. Until his graduation he will devote himself entirely to Plymouth House along with his studies at the School. After graduation he will seek ordination in the Congregational denomination and will then assume responsibility as director of religious education for the Church as well as director of Plymouth House.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The time is growing short, and unless ministers hurry they may find themselves without copies of Ralph Hyslop's "Lenten Devotions" to distribute among their young people. That would be to deprive the young people and Pilgrim Fellowship groups of something they greatly need. Your young people's work committee shares your belief in the need for good tools to develop youth devotional life. Here in "Lenten Devotions for Young People," is a tool that the young folks themselves will agree is "sharp." The committee is therefore recommending the use of the booklet. Pastors may buy the quantity they need from the Conference office or the Commission on Evangelism, 287 Fourth Ave., N. Y., at two cents each. But quickly!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25—Easter.
April 30—San Joaquin Association, Porterville.
April 30 - May 2 — German Conference, Lodi.
May 4 — Central Association, Angels Camp.
May 5—Sacramento Valley Association, Loomis.
May 6—Upper Bay Association, Port Chicago.
May 7—Pacific School of Religion Commencement.
May 11—Bay Association, Park Presidio Community Church, San Francisco.
May 12—Santa Clara Association, Santa Cruz.
May 13—Spring Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.
May 14—Redwood Empire Association, Kenwood.
July 28-August 2 — M.E.M. Conference, San Anselmo.
October 19-21—State Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

OUR CHAPLAINS

Northern California Conference now has eight men in service as chaplains:

Chaplain Earl D. Weed, located at the Presidio, San Francisco, is on the staff of General DeWitt and in charge of the work of chaplains for the whole Pacific coast area, including Alaska. He has made the Army chaplaincy a life career.

Chaplain Gail Cleland is now at the Pork of Embarkation at New Orleans. He has been in the service considerably more than two years.

Chaplain Harry A. Shuder is at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane. Recently he sent the office a newsy bulletin which he puts out among the patients of the hospital as a means of cheering them up.

Chaplain Victor H. Morgan, Naval chaplain, is located at the Pre-flight School of St. Mary's College, and conducts chapel service three times a week and has charge of recreation. He is delighted with the fine quality of young men, and boasts of a choir which assists him in his services, "equal to any."

Chaplain Edward Reighard is just completing training at the Naval Chaplains' Training School at Norfolk, Va.

Chaplain James D. Salmon has been much of the time on the desert as chaplain in a hospital. His address is now 92nd Evacuation Hospital, A.P.O. 441, Desert Maneuvers, Los Angeles.

Chaplain William R. Steininger has just finished the training course for Army chaplains at Harvard University, and will soon be receiving his assignment. He writes that the training course is one of the most strenuous he has ever known anything about but highly valuable.

Chaplain Verdette Walters has just been called into the service and begins his month of training at Harvard immediately.

The ranks held by our chaplains are as follows: Chaplain Weed is Colonel, Chaplians Cleland and Shuder are Lieutenant Colonels, Chaplain Morgan is Lieutenant, Senior Grade, Chaplain Salmon is Captain, and Chaplains Steininger and Walters are First Lieutenants. Word has not come of the rank of Chaplain Reighard.

A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE
for the
LOCAL CHURCH

To survey the problems and needs of the individual church school;
To reach parents with the importance of Christian education in war time, both in the home and in the church school;
To inspire teachers and prospective teachers with the sacredness of their calling and with the possibilities and techniques for improving Christian teaching;
The Conference Christian Education Committee is willing to put on a

ONE- OR TWO-DAY INSTITUTE IN YOUR CHURCH.

Address your request to the Committee,
1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.
The Institute would be planned to fit the needs of the local church. A one-day program would include a survey of the Church School with the local Religious Education Committee or with superintendent and pastor; a parents' meeting (or regular women's group) in the afternoon; a teachers' meeting in the evening.

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A GOOD START

A small beginning, but a good one for the first two months of the new year, is indicated in the columns below. There is a substantial increase, which reveals a more prompt attention in the matter of remittances. The trend will be a little clearer a month hence, which is the end of the Conference fiscal year. It will be appreciated if treasurers will get receipts in for the month or the quarter, as the case may be, following Sunday, the 28th, and before Wednesday, the 31st.

Church	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '43	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '42
Alameda	$ 85.89	$ .....
Angels Camp	.....	2.50
Antioch	.....	6.26
Auburn	20.00	20.00
Benicia	.....	5.00
Berkeley—		
First	928.87	745.49
North	66.60	52.30
Cloverdale	6.79	11.91
Cotati	.....	20.00
Crockett	.....	10.00
Etna	.....	5.32
Eureka	63.27	65.16
Fresno—		
First	450.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	18.08
Glen Ellen	10.00	.....
Lodi—		
Ebenezer	18.27	.....
First	306.00	200.00
Martinez	52.32	30.66
Murphys	81.00	81.00
Oakland—		
First	880.00	850.00
Pilgrim	6.00	6.00
Plymouth	115.68	83.13
Pacific Grove	18.80	.....
Paradise	50.00	50.00
Pescadero	.....	2.50
Petaluma	25.98	65.35
Pittsburg	30.80	12.53
Ripon	22.61	17.90
Sacramento	111.00	.....
San Carlos	13.00	.....
San Francisco—		
First	137.49	261.91
Ocean View	15.00	20.00
Richmond	37.50	.....
San Jose	150.00	160.00
San Mateo	90.30	.....
Santa Rosa	11.00	11.50
Saratoga	.....	75.00
Sebastopol	.....	11.95
Sonoma	31.40	22.10
Stockton	34.86	21.90
Tulare	60.00	10.00
Reno, Nevada	33.22	.....
Miscellaneous	15.00	180.00
	$3,978.65	$3,135.45

BAY ASS'N. ELECTS

The Bay Association annual meeting was held in First Church, Berkeley, on Wednesday, March 3. Churches were well represented, a total of about 200 hearing Rev. George W. Shepherd of China, the main speaker. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

Moderator: Miss Mary Coxhead.

Vice-Moderator: Mr. Kenneth Kinney.

Board of Directors: Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Miss Edith M. Clark, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Pierson Parker, and Mr. R. W. Kretsinger. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is the Registrar.

Licenses to preach the Gospel for one year were granted to: Miss Mary Coxhead, Mr. Henry Hayden, Mr. Eugene Sill, Mr. Herbert Dimock, Miss Dorathea Darch, Mr. George A. Garcia, and Mr. Paul Sutley.

SATURDAY NIGHT—THE MINISTER PRAYS

The sermon lies upon my desk,
Wrought out in patient thought and toil and prayer;
The prayers are ready—everything is done
That I can do—and now I wait.

I see them pass, the people that I serve;
I know their doubts, their griefs, perplexities and pains,
Their frustrate hopes, their burdens to be borne.
And all of these will wait, O God,
Will wait for me to break to them the bread of life,
To lead their groping souls in prayer,
To voice their praise,
To lift their thoughts above the things of earth,
To preach the Gospel of the Son of God,
And of a Father Love that waits to strengthen, to redeem.
I sense Thy yearning presence, Lord.
O'er each Thy Spirit broods, I know,
And this one's cares, and that one's pain,
And every burden, every woe
Thou knowest better far than I
And grievest more to see them suffer so.
For each Thou hast the word, the strength,
The guidance he implores.
To each Thou seekest to send tomorrow morn
Thy Word of Light to lighten all of life.
O seeking Love, that will not be denied,
'Tis I must minister Thy love,
Must be Thy tongue, Thy hand, Thy voice—
'Tis I, but naught have I to give
Save these poor words and this poor self of mine.

O let me die, Lord, let me die—
My thought, my will, my hope, my dream,
All that I am and have been in the past;
Let not a shred of my low self remain
To block the channel of Thy Spirit's flow.
Let not my self to Thy self barrier be.
Come, Spirit, come!
Touch Thou these words with life;
Use them, use me, that so Thy will be done,
That so these hungry souls be fed,
That hearts be cleansed, and strength renewed,
And each made ready, through Thy gifts of grace,
To face with joy the coming days.

Eternal Savior, in the coming day,
Be Thou the Shepherd of my sheep—
Lead them, and me, I pray . . . Amen.

—ROSCOE MOTT GILES.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS

"Thoughts of God for Boys and Girls," a Lenten devotional book for children has been published again this year by the Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education. These attractive booklets, priced at 10 cents each, (8 cents each in lots of 25) are recommended for use by teachers of primary and junior groups as well as by parents in the home. Copies may be secured through Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, or directly from the Pilgrim Press in Chicago or Boston.

WEDDING BELLS

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas T. Giffen announce the marriage of their daughter, Marian Lois, to Corporal Jack N. French on January 13 at Yuma, Arizona. The new Mrs. French will remain with the American Red Cross at the United States Naval Hospital in San Diego while her husband is "somewhere" with the United States Army.

Also Miss Alice Priscilla Giffen on February 13 was married to James Henry Durkin, recently of Denver, now employed at Mare Island. Alice will continue teaching in the High School at Ione. PACIFIC offers best wishes to these young couples.

Y. P. CONFERENCE

Under the leadership of the Young People's Work Committee and the Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet, plans for the summer conferences are going forward.

The Zephyr Point Conference will be omitted this summer. Instead, it is expected to have a weekend college age young people's and leaders conference, from Friday evening, July 2, through Monday, the 5th, at Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Henry David Gray will be present and Rev. G. Arthur Casaday will be the director.

The Lakewood Conference, with Mr. George Linn of Sacramento as director, will be held June 13 to 19.

The Sequoia Conference plans are progressing, with the Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Tulare as director. The dates, June 13 to 19.

Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda will be the director of the Loma Mar Conference. The date is uncertain but it will be held the week beginning June 20 or one week later.

The Lokoya Conference, August 8 to 14, with Rev. Wm. W. Meyer as director, has made splendid headway in enlisting leaders.

Among the leaders from outside of our own group, in addition to Dr. Gray whose name is already mentioned, are Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury, Rev. Paul Dickey of Portland, Oregon, and, it is hoped, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hausske, formerly of north China.

TO CANADA

Rev. O. W. S. McCall, formerly of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and more recently of the new First Church in Chicago, has resigned to become a pastor of St. Andrew's Wesleyan United Church of Canada, Vancouver B. C. St. Andrew's Wesleyan Church is reported to be a large influential church of Vancouver with a membership of about 1800.

PITTSBURG. This church continues to hold open house for soldiers once a week. The attendance of young men from Camp Stoneman has run as high as 52. A number of the members of the church made it a point to be present in order to make the service boys feel at home. Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Benedict put on a service known as the Fellowship Hour in the Red Cross recreation hall. It consists of devotional programs of readings and music, followed by community singing.

GLEN ELLEN. Temporarily, at least, Rev. C. C. Champlin is conducting services Sunday mornings. It is hoped that this plan will be more successful than the evening services previously conducted, since people can attend both Sunday School and Church in a single trip.

SARATOGA. Rev. Fred R. Morrow conducts services once a month at the Odd Fellows' Home, taking with him some of the young people of his church. Drapes for all the class rooms are being made, and add much to the attractiveness of the new building.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. P. N. Bennett has made much of the helps given by our National Committee on Race Relations, using that general theme through the month of February, and arranging for motion pictures of American Negroes on a recent Sunday evening.

RIO VISTA. Officers of the California State Guard are entertained Wednesday evenings at the church and the enlisted men on Sunday evenings. Rev. E. T. Sherman is pastor.

KENWOOD. A new heating system has been installed in the church. Rev. Frank E. Boren and his members are planning to entertain the Spring Meeting of the Redwood Empire Association.

SAN MATEO. During Lent Rev. Sidney Buckham, the pastor, will preach sermons based on some of the majestic hymns of the church. Dr. Mary F. Cushman was the speaker on a recent church night. It is reported that it was one of the best occasions of the sort in the history of the church. The Junior Fireside Society for youngsters of the seventh and eight grades is sponsored by the older Fireside group.

OROVILLE. Rev. Frank Carlson arrived on March 1. The parsonage has been put into splendid condition. A reception was held on Friday night, March 5, with a fine program. During the interim, under the leadership if Mr. C. W. Wise, a number of new members have been received. At the Pilgrim Guild there were talks by young people on "Plans for Peace."

PORTERVILLE. For the second year Lincoln's Birthday was the occasion for a large gathering of men; 118 sat down to a turkey dinner prepared and served by the men. Rev. J. A. Milligan served as toastmaster. The "colonial tea," an annual affair of the women, was well attended and a decided success. Pilgrim Fellowship members were hosts to the Methodist young people in a social evening. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. As noted in another column, Mr. David Stowe has become director of Plymouth House. Following his graduation next May he will also be director of religious education. The latter post is temporarily being filled by Mrs. Grace Buckham. A splendid course of addresses on "The Peace and After" has been started by the College of Life for Sunday mornings at 9:45. Rev. Vere V. Loper is pastor.

FAIRFAX. The celebration of the 20th anniversary of the church is in progress. An anniversary fund is to be raised to clear the debt from the building. On Inter-faith Day, Rev. W. M. Meyer represented the Protestant chaplains speaking to the men of San Quentin Prison. Through the gift of one of the laymen, the church is now privileged to use printed calendars.

SANTA CRUZ. Brotherhood Day was observed by a union morning service with the Hebrew Congregation. Rev. H. S. Mahood, pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Norman Snow of Calvary Episcopal Church on the Inter-change Day sponsored by the Ministerial Union. Chaplain A. Baskerville, colored Episcopal clergyman, was speaker at the women's club.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. During the past year the income of the church gained about $300. All bills were paid and about $400 was left in the treasury. The Sunday School enrollment is now 208. During the year the debt was greatly reduced and now stands at just $10,000. Rev. George F. Wortley is pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Forty-one new members came into fellowship during the year 1942. The Men's Club, which is really a community organization but which meets in the church, has a paid membership of 284. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

SAN RAFAEL. The church has celebrated its 50th anniversary. The young people have organized, and have splendid attendance. The church is looking forward enthusiastically in this new year. Rev. W. W. Turner is pastor.

ANTIOCH. Rev .and Mrs. John D. Axtell are splendidly supplying and assisting in the work of this church during the interim between pastorates.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

MARTINEZ. Rev. Verdette Walters, who has been pastor for four years, was suddenly called into the service as a chaplain and is already at the training school at Harvard. He had applied some months ago but when the call came he had only six days in which to close his work at Martinez and do the necessary work in preparation for leaving. During his pastorate the church has been strengthened in many ways. He has found time to be of great help in the Conference program. He has been director of the Lokoya Young People's camp, and was chairman of the Conference Committee on Religious Education during one of its most active and effective periods. Recently he served as coordinator for young people's work and has laid the preliminary plans for the summer conferences. For the present Mrs. Walters will remain in Martinez. Chaplain Walters hopes to be assigned to the Pacific coast area, and is looking forward to returning to our Conference after the duration.

FRESNO, FIRST. Fifty-two families enrolled in a year of sacrificial giving, which should result in an increase in the amount for the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services over the splendid amount sent in last year. A series of eight sermons will be preached by Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, during Lent on "How Religion Helps." The church is cooperating in a four-day preaching mission under E. Stanley Jones. Mr. Gregg, as head of the speakers' bureau for the Red Cross drive, has lined up 80 speakers for 300 engagements. Capacity crowds attend the Sunday evening forums.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. As in previous years, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, is planning to use the Sunday evening services during the spring for presentation of the wider work of the Congregational and Methodist churches. During this period Foreign, National and State work of both groups will be presented. Dr. Mary Cushman was Congregational speaker for Foreign missions, and Rev. T. T. Giffen will represent the Northern California Conference. Two weekday classes for children are now conducted, one on Thursday and the other on Friday. The choir of the church has been growing and is rendering splendid service.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The church is exceeding the quota set by the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services. The annual daffodil tea was the most successful financially of any that has been held. The daffodils were the gift of Mrs. Laura Cragin of Santa Rosa. Members of the Auxiliary picked and arranged the flowers. The women of this church served luncheon for the Congregational ministers during the Pastoral Conference. The high school group is publishing a paper called "The Mayflower Compact." Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. More than fifty meetings are held in the house in a single month. The congregations at the morning services are not large but appreciative. A new community forum, known as "Kensington Town Hall," has been launched, at which questions of the day are discussed. Mr. Herbert Dimock is the director.

SUNNYVALE. An intermediate Pilgrim Fellowship Society has been formed with about 15 members of 8th and 9th grade young people. Eight women of the church are sponsors, two of them being present at each meeting. The minister, Rev. J. K. Ballou, assists with the devotions. Only two members of the club are members of the church.

STOCKTON. An exceedingly attractive and comprehensive sheaf of reports was presented to the annual meeting. It shows a healthy and growing condition. Financially it is almost without parallel, showing a balance in the general fund of over $800. The heavy payments for the first two years to the Building Society have been cared for, so that only $3,000 debt remains, and it is to be paid over a period of 8 years. There was a substantial increase in the support of benevolences. The membership of the church now stands at 472, but a considerable number are absent, not a few due to war service. Rev. Noel I. Breed, the pastor, is superintendent of the church school and minister of the junior church, and for a part of this year was the counsellor of the church of youth. He gives much time to civilian defense work, and is a member of the Campfire Board of Stockton and the Boys' Work Committee of the Y. M. C. A.

SOQUEL. The 75th anniversary of the Soquel Church will be observed in July of this year. The fellowship luncheons, which follow the morning service the last Sunday of each month, are well attended. The lunch is followed by a forum discussion of the points of the sermons for the month. This "getting back at the preacher" is stimulating and creating much interest. A Do-Si-Do Club is active in providing entertainment for soldiers who are stationed at Camp McQuaide. Programs are put on twice a month and are much enjoyed. The church is enjoying the services of a quartet of colored soldiers from a near-by camp. Rev. T. Davis Preston is devoting one page of each issue of "The Parish News" to a period in the history of the church.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. The very interesting commemorating address delivered by Charles M. Bufford at the annual dinner last May, has been printed as an attractive pamphlet. The midweek meetings are presenting a strong program of speakers representing the various denominations, including Jewish and Catholic. The Church School is being held during the hour of morning worship and has a larger attendance than for many years. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce has arranged to have two concerts by Roland Hayes, one on Wednesday evening, March 10, and the other on Sunday afternoon, the 14th.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The property of this church has been improved and made attractive by a new fence and the painting of the exterior of the church building and parsonage. Various minor repairs have been cared for. Superintendent Gill preached and conducted communion service on a recent Sunday, when the sanctuary was comfortably filled. Mr. Eugene Sill, the pastor, has gathered a fine group of young married people for regular meetings.

TULARE. For the seventh consecutive year the Pilgrim Fellowship of this church assumed entire charge of the morning service on Youth Sunday. Three young people spoke, presenting the "Statement of Purpose," and many others contributed by conducting the various parts of the service—music, ushering, and decorating. The church anticipates this as an outstanding Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, after having served as a director, was recently elected president of the Tulare Community Chest for 1943.

BENICIA. Real progress has been made in strengthening the staff of the church school under the leadership of Miss Grace Kendrick. Rev. Isaac Fleming is cooperating in plans to meet the growing menace of juvenile delinquency.

HAYWARD. At Eden Church a youth rally of the churches of the southern end of Alameda County was held late in January. More than 150 high school age young people and their counsellors gathered from Hayward, Niles, Pleasanton, Irvington, Newark, and Livermore. A get-together pot-luck supper was followed by a period of instruction in recreation, games for the family, games for the group, led by Lawton Harris. Following this a service of worship was held in the sanctuary, conducted by Rev. Godfrey Mathews. Rev. T. H. Palmquist, superintendent of the San Francisco district of the Methodist Church, delivered an address entitled "Have You Heard from God lately?" A laymen's leadership conference was held on Friday, March 5, when representatives of the churches from the same district gathered to consider the problems and possibilities of the war period.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. After years of thinking and planning, a complete renovation of the church sanctuary has been effected. The pews have been changed so that there is a broad center aisle. There is wider spacing, which makes for greater comfort. Aisles, platform and rear of the church have been carpeted. The walls have been tinted. The chancel has been rearranged, and the whole presents a most attractive and worshipful appearance. The School of Christian Living, on six Wednesday evenings, to discuss "The Dynamics of the World Faith," will open on March 10. Rev. Robert W. Inglis, pastor, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday with Rev. Alfred Schroeder of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

REDWOOD CITY. Rationing records disclosed that 20 per cent of the cards are for newcomers in the community, providing an open field for the churches. The Gideons participated at the March 7 morning service, and Rev. George Shepherd is scheduled as a special speaker on the evening of March 9. Mr. Clifton H. Woodhams is now the keyman representative from the Church. Mrs. William Hawley Davis of Palo Alto spoke to the Women's Guild on February 17. The women of the church are doing much Red Cross work, and conducted a successful rummage sale. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

LODI, FIRST. Brotherhood Week was observed in the high school auditorium by speakers from Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant groups. Dr. Mary Cushman and Rev. George W. Shepherd have both been heard by the church during the past month and a half. Nine local churches sponsor a leadership training school, with an enrollment of 100. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, is dean. The same churches are planning for a home visitation evangelistic campaign in March.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Perhaps this church has the highest percentage of its members in the military service, a total of about one-fourth. This is due to the fact that such a preponderance of the membership is made up of young people. Rev. Ivan Wong, the pastor, has transferred his ministerial standing from the United Church of Canada to the Bay Association.

ALAMEDA. This church, along with others of the city, is looking ahead with seriousness to the great influx of population. Every livable space in the city is being used. Three thousand homes are to be erected before January 1st to house 9,000 people. The church is enthusiastically behind the leadership of Rev. Ralph V. Conard.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A legacy of $400 has been received and several substantial gifts, which result in a reduction of the debt of the church to $9,400. At the annual meeting, the treasurer reported that $26,191 was received during the previous year. One hundred five new members brought the total to above 1000, and it will soon reach 1100. A branch Sunday School has been organized in the home of one of the members in the Riverside District. During February the church undertook to meet its responsibility to the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services and the Christian Center for Service Men. The church has suffered a loss through the removal of Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Dunn. Mr. Dunn was chairman of the board of deacons, and Mrs. Dunn was formerly president of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

CAMPBELL. This church held a special service on Sunday morning, February 21, with the auditorium filled to capacity. The dedication of the new Service Flag was held at this time, having on its honor roll 55 names, two of which are WAVES. This large number of stars was due to the intensive work of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, who during the years of his pastorate has devoted so much time to boys and their activities. In leaving the community for war duties, these boys felt that the Campbell Congregational Church was their church home, and wished to be represented on this Flag. Following the worship and dedication, a covered dish luncheon was served in the church parlors to about 125 people. The early afternoon was spent in renewing acquaintanceships and enjoying solo and group singing.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A fine class of six new members is reported at Murphy. The Pilgrim Fellowship young people gave a dinner and cleared $34, with which young people will be sent to summer camps. Two long-time officers and teachers in the Church School, Mrs. Eva Stephens and Mrs. Vinnie Morley, were honored with attractive and useful gifts. Rev. and Mrs. John G. Dickey were in attendance at the Pastoral Conference.

SAN CARLOS. Four years of significant leadership by Rev. H. J. Loken was recognized in a special article in the San Carlos paper, which calls attention to the fact that in that period of time the membership has been quadrupled, the property value doubled, and the Sunday School attendance tripled. The church on March 31 will reach complete self-support. The church itself has just celebrated its fifteenth birthday.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the February meeting, the Women's League installed officers for the year. They responded to the request of the Navy to make lap robes for the wounded. During Brotherhood Week, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, preached at Temple Sinai and Rabbi Stern occupied the pulpit of this church.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Gordon Foster is conducting a pastor's class each Sunday morning, using as his themes: "How Shall We Think of God?", "Of Jesus?", "Of the Kingdom of God?", "Of the Bible?", "Of Prayer?", "Of Evil?" During Lent he will preach seven sermons on the life of Jesus.

EUREKA. During February the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln were celebrated. Rev. Charles H. Hudson, the pastor, used his weekday bulletin to present several quotations particularly applicable to present day life.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The next meeting of the Federation will be the third Thursday, March 18, at the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

INTERESTING AND HELPFUL

The Federation year opened as usual with a two-day meeting, the first day given over to the Executive Board and the second to the general meeting. In this way the Executive Board had time to talk over new work and thresh out problems connected with it. Mrs. T. E. Borden, acting for Mrs. R. J. Martyr, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a budget which, with estimated receipts of $897.38 and estimated expenses of $790.00, would give us a leeway of $107.38 for emergencies. Our Thank Offering goal was set at $2,000, to be divided as follows: to the Children's Work at Grace United Church, San Francisco, $300, the amount allotted last year; the the nurse's salary at Grants Hospital, New Mexico, in response to the crying need there, an increase of $250, making a total of $500; to the Means School for Girls in West Africa, which was our new project last year, an increase of $100, making a total of $500. The remainder is to be used in the opening up of some much needed new work concerning which we shall hear more later. Trinity County, which has been our charge for so many years, we are of necessity giving up. The salary which we have been paying will be taken over by the Conference.

SPRING MEETING

A very important decision regarding the Spring Meeting was arrived at. Will all **women please take note of it?** Due to the fact that we can have two fine speakers for that meeting on the second Thursday of May, and cannot secure them for any other date at all, it was voted to hold the Spring Meeting, which usually comes in April, on the second Thursday in May—the second Thursday, notice, not the third. The regular Federation meeting, which would normally be held on the third Thursday of May, will be held instead on the third Thursday of April. **This does not affect the March Federation meeting, which will come as usual on the third Thursday, March 18.** In response to a most cordial invitation, the Spring Meeting will be in the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

M.E.M. CONFERENCES

Data on the M.E.M. Conference at San Anselmo was given out. That conference will be held from Wednesday, July 28, to Monday, August 2. If there are at least fifty delegates, the rates will be the same as last year, i.e., room and board, two in a room, $13.00; registration $2.50; total $15.50. The Foreign study on "Christian Ventures in Learning and Living" is to be taught by Dr. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto. The Home study on "Minority Groups" will also have a strong leader. In view of all the calls on the time of church women, it is not too early now to begin to make plans for attendance at the conference.

YOUNG PEOPLE

It was decided that the Federation this year try to sponsor the work with young people even more strongly than we have in the past. As one means to this end, it was voted that a "scholarship" at one of the summer conferences be offered to the writer of the best paper on the advantages of attendance at a conference. The details of this will be handled by Mrs. E. B. Kientz, our Young People's Secretary.

READING LISTS

Since the new reading lists do not come from the east until April, it seemed best to have the yearly report of the Reading List Chairman changed from the Annual Meeting to the Spring Meeting, at which time the new lists will be ready to be given out. Reports from the various local chairmen should, therefore, be in to Mrs. Philip Greisinger by the first of April. Mrs. Greisinger gives this outline of her plans for the next two months: At the March meeting she will report of books especially appropriate for Lenten reading, and in April will discuss the new reading list—"Adventures in Reading, 1943-44," published April 1. As far as possible the books discussed will be made available for loan to local groups on a library basis. Information about price of books and where they may be borrowed or bought, and brief commentaries on the nature and content of all books on the list, may be secured at any time by writing to Mrs. Greisinger, 1661 Oxford St., Berkeley. In the opinion of your editor, that is a noble offer.

EDITH PARSONS

Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, read an interesting letter from Edith Parsons, whom many of us know personally, written from Istanbul, describing the difficulties of an unusually cold winter there, with a fuel shortage, a leaking roof, and soaring prices. Miss Parsons is now at Izmir. Mrs. Evans also brought us news from Lynda Goodsell Blake, who had expected to be on her furlough long before this, but who is valiantly holding the fort until replacements can arrive from America—a somewhat uncertain date, with travel conditions what they are.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

Mrs. Scott Haymond, our President, took us with her on her recent trip east. Her experiences were somewhat amusing and always interesting, from the night at Poughkeepsie when six women had their choice of fifteen beds on the top floor of Alumnae Hall, to the night at New Orleans when she nearly had no bed at all. She brought us Dr. Dwight Bradley's challenge for the young people in the Home Missions work, and at least one answer to that challenge in the welcome news that Miss Ruth Seabury will be out on the coast this summer for our young people's conferences. Mrs. Haymond visited Dillard University and Flint-Goodrich Hospital while in New Orleans. The hospital, you will remember, has from time to time received most laudatory notices in the secular press, notably "Time" and "The Saturday Evening Post." Among the things which especially impressed Mrs. Haymond were the "Residence Hall" at Dillard, in which eight girls live with an instructor for one quarter of the college year, taking entire charge of the housekeeping; and the excellent school for midwives at Flint-Goodrich, which is performing a great service, not only in the city, but in all the country around.

GOOD THINGS TO READ

Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Secretary of Christian Home, emphasized Wm. Adams Brown's book, "A Creed for Free Men," and said it was well worth the price of $2.50 to all who have young people in their homes. She also called attention to an article in the "**Saturday Evening Post**" for February 20, on the dire need for feeding Europe's children. Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, spoke of two valuable articles in "**Collier's Magazine**" for last November: one on Puerto Rico, "A Little Worse than Peace," in the November 14 issue, and one on the Negro in the following issue, "The Negro Lifts His Head."

NAPOLEON AND HITLER

Dr. Raoul Auernheimer, playwright, novelist, and essayist, who has spoken in many places around the Bay, gave an informative talk on the similarities and differences between Napoleon and Hitler. At the end he quoted the comment of Emerson: "Enough of Napoleon," and Victor Hugo's more solemn "He stood in the way of God." So, Dr. Auernheimer felt, Hitler would fall, not alone because of America and Britain or even mighty Russia, but because he, too, stands in the way of God.

First Things First

A GODLESS WORLD CAN NEVER BE A SAFE WORLD.

A WORLD WITHOUT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST WILL BE A WORLD OF SUCCEEDING DISASTERS.

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